THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday, 1st April 1953.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at three of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Collective weaving centres.

* 251 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether representations were received recently by the Government for the starting of collective weaving centres in order to relieve handloom weavers from want of employment and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" Yes, Sir. The question is under consideration of Government."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH:—" In view of the fact that representations have been received by the Government, may I know, Sir, when the Government will take a decision on the matter? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" We are examining the matter. We have looked into the question, and we will come to a decision as early as possible."

SRI C. V. K. RAO:—" Have the Government, Sir, got any other proposals to relieve unemployment among weavers? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" Sir, this question relates to the formation of collective weaving centres."

Representation regarding award of diplomas from the trainees of Co-operative Institute, Coimbatore.

* 252 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representation or memorandum from the trainees of Co-operative Institute, Coimbatore, requesting that diplomas may be granted instead of certificates as is the practice to-day and if so, what action has been taken?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA:—" Yes, Sir. A report has been called for from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and it is awaited."

Admission into professional colleges.

* 253 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER:—" The hon. Member Sri K. M. Seethi is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

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SRI K. M. SEETHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Muslims who applied for admission to the Medical College and the Engineering College in the last selection for admission to those colleges;

(b) how many of them were selected;

(c) how many of the selected Muslim students belonged to backward classes; and

(d) the number of Muslim students with first classes who were refused admission to those colleges?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—

	Engineering Colleges.	Medical Colleges.
"(a) Number of Muslims who applied for admission during 1952-53	77	70
"(b) Number selected	8	13
"(c) Number of selected Muslim candidates who belonged to backward classes.	6	5
"(d) Number of Muslim students with first classes who were not selected :	4	3"

Travelling medical vans.

* 254 Q.—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have provided travelling medical vans with sufficient equipment to go to villages once in a week to give necessary help as recommended by the Harijan Welfare Committee at page 27 of their report; and

(b) if so, how many vans have been provided and what are the areas covered up?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) The answer is in the negative."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" May I know, Sir, why the Government have not implemented the recommendation of the Harijan Welfare Committee of 1948? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Medical relief is a necessity for all people. It is not necessary to set apart an amount for this purpose particularly for Harijans only."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Sir, why is the answer in the negative and not in the affirmative? " (Laughter.)

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, medical relief is necessary for all sections of the population. Hence, medical vans will be